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Riot in Chongju (Teishu) (125-12, 39-42)

1. On 14 December 1947, approximately 50 persons, some of whom were members of the North Korean Youth Friendship Party and the North Korean Democratic Party, started a riot in Chongju. Three Labor Party members and several of the rioters were injured.

Unrest in Sinuiju (Shingishu) (124-24, 40-06)

2. There has been a general feeling of unrest among the people in Sinuiju as a result of the following causes:
  - a. The tax-in-kind collection program of the Soviet Army occupation authorities.
  - b. The execution of many Koreans and the imprisonment of many others in Antung (124-23, 40-09) and other cities in Manchuria controlled by the Chinese Communists. 25X1A
  - c. The lack of freedom of speech (in Sinuiju).
  - d. The conscription (?) of many North Korean laborers for work in the USSR.
  - e. The recent currency reform and the issuance of a new currency.

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